

CHINESE PAPER LANTERNS

Chinese New Year is the most important holiday on the Chinese calendar. The celebration lasts 15 days and usually falls in either January or February. This year, it will begin on 7 February. The Chinese Lantern Festival is observed on the 15th night, which marks the end of the festivities. It is traditionally celebrated with children carrying lanterns in a parade. Follow the instructions below to make your own Chinese lanterns.

MATERIALS:

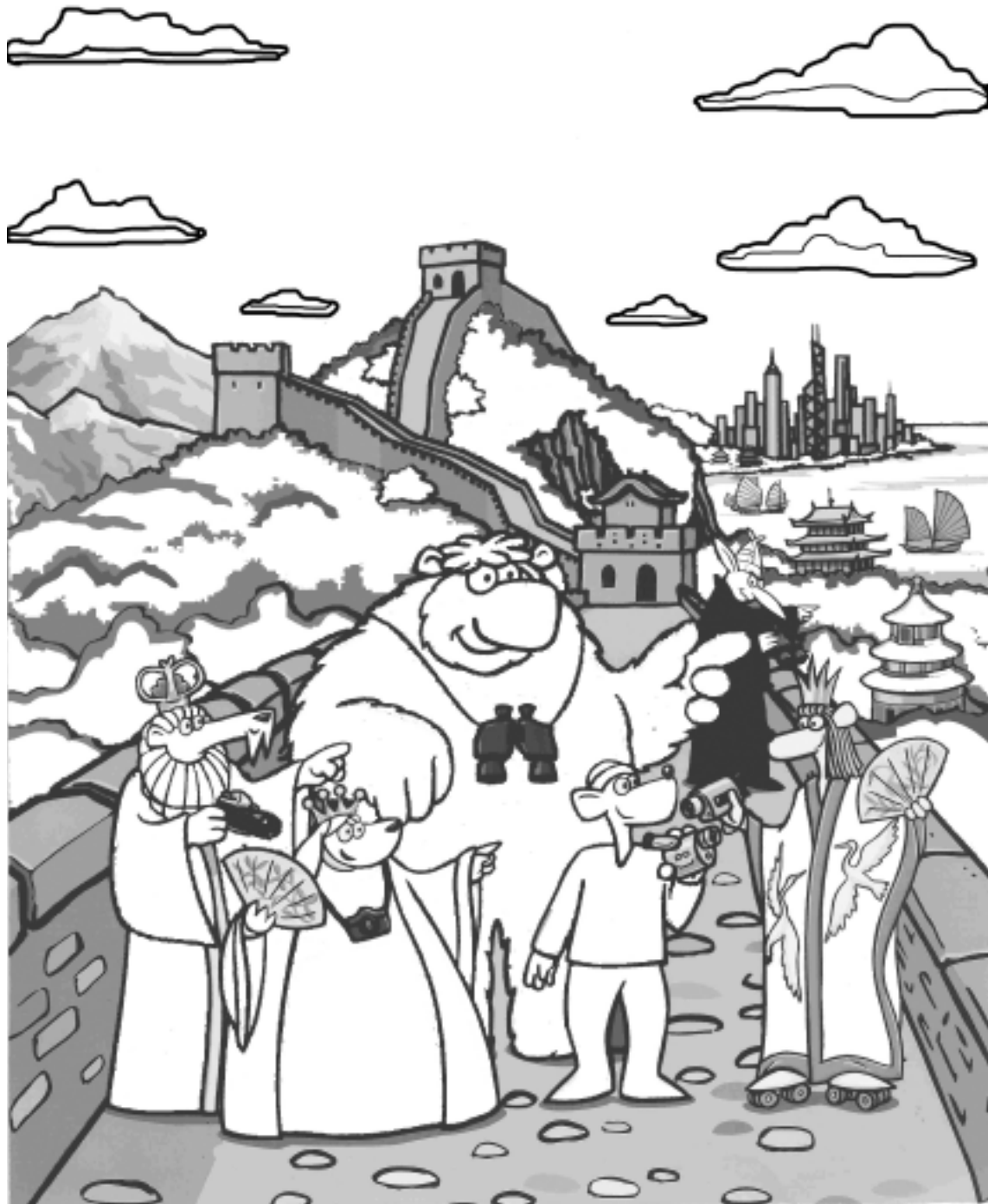
Coloured construction paper
Scissors
Tape or stapler
Yarn

DIRECTIONS:

1. Fold the construction paper in half so that you have a long thin rectangle.
2. Using the scissors, make a series of cuts along the fold line leaving about 5 cm to the edge. You can make as many cuts as you would like.
3. Unfold the paper and tape or staple the shorter edges of the paper together.
4. Using a new sheet of construction paper, cut a strip 16 cm long and 1.5 cm wide. Tape or staple the strip across one end of the lantern to make a handle.
5. Repeat the above to make multiple lanterns. When finished, use the yarn to string the lanterns together.



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